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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continuation Application of:)
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Karl L. Ginter, et al.)
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Prior Application No.: 09/328,671) Group Art Unit: 2767
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Filed: June 9, 1999) Examiner: G. Barron, Jr.
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS)
FOR SECURE TRANSACTION)
MANAGEMENT AND)
ELECTRONIC RIGHTS)
PROTECTION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-90 and add new claims 91-112 as follows:

91. --A method of using a governed item at a processing arrangement,
including the following steps:
receiving a first rule at the processing arrangement;
receiving a second rule at the processing arrangement, the second rule being
received independently from the first rule and from the governed item; and

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